



# Weekly Newsletter

Livestock, Grain, Poultry, Eggs, Fruits,  
Vegetables, & Cotton Prices  
in North Carolina & Surrounding Markets

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## North Carolina Broilers and Fryers

Estimated Weekly Slaughter: 15,550,644

Average Weight/Bird for Retail Market: 7.07 lbs.

US Weekly Slaughter Estimate: 166,000,000

Demand: Moderate

Supply: Adequate

## Southeast Live Hens

(7 lbs & Up)

Market: Trending Steady

Demand: Moderate

Supply: Sufficient

Weighted Average Price: 9.36

(Cents/lb at farm, buyer loading)

## N.C. Pasture Raised Lamb - Direct Prices from Producer to Consumer (avg/lb)

Rack of Lamb: 17.16

Leg of Lamb, Boneless: 12.58

Ground Lamb: 10.50

Loin Chops: 15.90

Leg of Lamb, with Bone: 10.83

Liver: 5.07

**North Carolina Eggs (Cents per dozen)** Weighted average price for small lot sales of consumer grade eggs in cartons delivered to nearby retail outlets – **Thursday** Extra Large: 128.37 Large: 125.27 Medium: 103.00 Small: 93.00

## Northeast Broiler/Fryer Parts (wtd avg cents/lb) – Thursday

Thighs: 64.02

Breast (S/B): 131.68

Tenderloins: 171.36

Drums: 41.91

Leg Quarters: 39.78

Breast (with ribs): 130.79

Legs: 50.55

Thigh Meat (S/B): 114.89

Wings (Whole): 142.86

## Eastern North Carolina Fruit & Vegetables (Sales FOB Shipping Point Basis):

### 2017 Season

**SWEET POTATOES:** Demand moderate. Market about steady. 40 pound cartons Orange Types U.S. No. 1 12.00-15.00 some 15.50-16.00 few higher, U.S. No. 1 Petite 10.00-14.00, U.S. No. 2 8.00-10.00 few low as 6.50, No Grade Marks jumbo 8.00-10.00 some 7.00-7.50 few higher.

### 2018 Season

**STRAWBERRIES:** Demand moderate. Market about steady. Includes palletizing and cooling. Flats 8 1-pound containers with lids medium-large 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 some 14.25.

## Fresh Market Shipments in 1,000 Forty Pound Cartons (Beauregard, Covington or Hernandez) from 19 major shippers in North Carolina

NC	May 03-05, 2018 133	Total to Date 12,715	May 04-06, 2017 192	Total to Date Last Season 11,979	
<b>Breakdown of shipments by category:</b>		<b>Foodservice</b> 6	<b>Retail</b> 86	<b>International</b> 41	
NC	May 06-09, 2018 147	Total to Date 13,096	May 07-10, 2017 173	Total to Date Last Season 12,152	Total Cartons Last Season 17,810
<b>Breakdown of shipments by category:</b>		<b>Foodservice</b> 17	<b>Retail</b> 89	<b>International</b> 41	
LA	Apr 29-May 05, 2018 18	Total to Date 815		Total to Date Last Season 766	Total Cartons Last Season 886

## Louisiana Sweet Potatoes - Prices for cured (40 pound cartons) – Thursday – Market: Steady

US No. 1s: 14.00-18.00 mostly 14.00-17.00

No. 2s: 8.00-10.00 mostly 8.00-9.00

Jumbos: 8.00-10.00 mostly 8.00-9.00